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Mr. Editor:

You know that

"He who fights and runs away

Will live to fight another day"

And since we find the great (shall we say) I have as we would find

follow the illustrious example of Old

Bach, and amble backward a bit. But

as we are on the "sunny side" and our

opponent up, once dazed by the fight

we will press long enough to hold

a short parley and see if we cannot

come to some terms rather than mortal

combat. If he expects to call us any

more names, will he please not talk

in Dutch for we don't understand a

word of it unless it is spoken in Irish.

And if nothing but a battle will suit

him. We will answer him as the lion

did the pig's challenge, "My friend,

just consider us whipped." And now

you little, dainty darling Dandy, you

could not suppose us such a shocking

sanguinary savages as to split your

soft skull I am sure. No! not for

assured if your "finishing up" were

intrusted to us it should be done in

the very nice way suggested by Fanny

Fern, who says, "We would nip him

up gently with a pair of sugar tongs,

smother him in cream, and scatter

rose leaves over his delicate remains."

As for Old Bach we suppose the next

thing we hear of him, will be that he

has gone and committed (not suicide)

but matrimony, succeeding in per-

suading some silly woman that he is

like "A swung cat," better than he

looks to be." So mote it be.

Pen Scratches, No. 2, from Me.

May 4th, 1874.

Gov. Alcorn, when he steted in the

Senate—in speaking of the fund pro-

posed to be voted to the sufferers in

the overflooded districts of Mississippi,

—that it would demoralize the colored

labor, was about right as witness

the following from the New Orleans

Bulletin:

The Negroes and the Flood.

From all sides comes tidings of the

deleterious effects on field laborers of

the overflow and the distribution of

rations gratuitously to them. On the

Lafourche the negroes living on inun-

dated lands refuse work offered, and

remain in their cabins all day, ventur-

ing out only when the food given

them has been consumed and their

visit to the agents of the Distributing

Committee is rendered necessary.

Planters living on land above water

testify to the fact that the bountiful

charity of the people of the country

has so demoralized labor that it is

only with extreme difficulty that a

sufficient number of hands can be ob-

tained to cultivate their plantations,

notwithstanding the fact that thou-

sands are idle.

From Tensas parish we learn that

the negroes even go so far as to make

warike demonstrations against the

agents of our committee, and threaten

vengeance if their wants are not im-

mediately supplied. All this is no

fault of the gentlemen here who have

charge of these charities. Their in-

structions are rigid and clear. They

direct their agents not to furnish ra-

tions to any who refuse work, or who

do not seek to obtain subsistence out-

side the agency, and they have by

every possible means endeavored to

prevent any misappropriation of the

provisions and money donated. In

some parishes the white sufferers are

crowded out and the lazy field hand

paddles home over the waste of wa-

ters in his canoe, laden with sug-

cured hams, flour, and other luxu-

ries, to him hitherto unknown.

We fear very much that our State

will feel the sad effects of all this.

The negro, always satisfied with

whatever relieves present necessities,

will, after receiving his support dur-

ing the inundation without working

for it, surely resort to any expedient

in the future rather than labor. The

flood has been terrible, but we fear its

effects will be worse.

THE BIBLE.—Some writer gives the

following analysis of the book of

books, the Bible: It is a book of laws,

to show the right and wrong. It is a

book of truth, which detects all hu-

man errors. It is a book of life, that

book of biography. It is a book of

travel. It is a book of voyages. It

is the most convenient ever made; the

best and ever written. It is the best

will ever executed; the best testament

ever signed. It is the young man's

best companion. It is the school-

boy's best instructor. It is the learn-

ed man's masterpiece. It is the ig-

norant man's dictionary, and every man's

directory. But that which crowns

all is the author. He is without par-

tiality and without hypocrisy. "With

whom there is no variableness, neither

shadow of turning."

Lamar's Eulogy.

The Eulogy upon Hon. Charles

Sumner delivered by Mississippi's

democratic Representative, Hon. L. Q.

C. Lamar, has been very generally,

highly commended by the Republican

Press throughout the North. As an

example of magnanimity, in a repre-

sentative of the genuine "Southerner"

thus lauding the praises of one who

did so much towards bringing her

present woes upon the South, it is

worthy of imitation by our conquer-

ors, and as, we are told, his appeal for

his Section "moved to tears" some of

his honorable audience, who had "dis-

trusted us as traitors" we are not

without hope that some good might

have been effected. However, the

"magnanimity" part of it is on the

other side, according to the Boston

Globe, which has a good deal of

praise to bestow on Mr. Lamar, and

he must feel peculiarly gratified at

the Globe's "significant solution of

the mystery" of the address, and we

suppose the Southern press which ap-

provingly republish the article fully,

concur. In the Globe's article is the

following sentence:

"It is, after all, only in a real re-

public that the rebel comes to his own

again, and has a chance to appreciate

the magnanimity of his conquerors;

and the comparison between the leni-

ency of our Government towards the

Southern leaders, and that which in

France deluged the plains of Satory

with the blood of the Communists, is

the significant solution of the mystery

of the Mississippi Representative's

address."

Oh! how thankful we should be

that we live in such a good "real

republic."

[From the Cincinnati Commercial.]

"The speech of the day, however,

the one which evidently made the

deepest impression and elicited the

highest praises, was the delivered by

Mr. Lamar. It was a feelingly touch-

ing tribute to the great virtues and

noble qualities of Mr. Sumner, at the

hands of a man who left Congress in

1861 to go in the Confederate service

a man who has been regarded as one

of the most dangerous of the fire-eat-

ing class of secessionists. Interwoven

with the high encomiums that he

passed upon the great apostle of

human liberty and equality, the one

who was always bold and fearless in

denouncing the system for which the

Confederates fought. Mr. Lamar

wrought a manly, moving appeal for

a more complete restoration of good

feeling and mutual confidence be-

tween the North and the South.

He spoke simply and with but little

use of the arts of the orator, with his

voice well modulated and toned down

to suit the gravity of the occasion.

He had the full House and packed

galleries spell-bound till the conclu-

sion of his remarks when a spontane-

ous burst of applause broke out all

over the floor, coming up heartily

and warm from the republican side.

There were many who, in the bitter-

ness and heat of partisan strife, had

grown apparently callous and insen-

sible to good professions from those

whom they have fought and distrust-

ed as traitors, who were moved to

tears by the simple, manly appeal to

their better nature. The speech will

live, and will have a marked and

beneficent effect in the future.

Wood's Household Magazine, for

May, has an abundance of excellent

reading. There is the real go-ahead

snap to this periodical which entitles

it to much credit, and we cannot

poetry. There are several illustrated

articles, the New York Fashions,